

BEWARE OF “TWILIGHT SAGA”

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The Twilight Saga is a series of novels by Stephenie Meyer describing an illicit romance between a teenage girl and a vampire.

The four books have sold more than 17 million copies, been translated into 20 languages, and spun off a new movie that grossed \$70 million in its first week.

Twilight has become a pop culture phenomenon hotter than Pottermania, promoting midnight release parties and vampire proms, obsessed fans called Twi-hards, and spawning more than 350 fan sites online that claim more than 100 million hits.

The series is about a sophomore teenage girl named Bella who moves to a new town and falls in love with a handsome vampire named Edward. Though 108 years old, he appears to be 17. The story is about their intoxicating infatuation for each other and the consequences of a lustful vampire/mortal romance. Edward is a member of a “coven” of vampire family members that are depicted as “good.”

The shocker is that many Christians are attracted to this spiritually dysfunctional romance and are attempting to give Christian applications to its demonic premise.

No matter how resplendent the “vampire” is portrayed in mythology and fiction, in Scripture blood drinking and creatures of darkness are judged as despicable by God. Distortion of the purpose of blood is a satanic mockery of God’s intent for the sacredness blood represents. Scripture teaches, “Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life...” (Deut. 12:23) and in the shedding of blood is the remission of sins.

Meyer “received” the story of *Twilight* in a dream on June 2, 2003. The vision compelled her to start writing the story immediately. She says she had an additional dream after *Twilight* was finished when her vampire character Edward came to speak to her.

Her latest novel, *The Host*, is about demon possession.

The *Twilight* books and movie have been recommended by the Christian Stay at Home Moms website, Focus on the Family’s *Plugged In Online*, ChristianityTodayMovies.com, and Campus Life’s *Ignite Your Faith* Christian teen magazine.

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